

§ 63-7.1. Curbing of dogs [Added 11-10-2004 by Ord. No. 863-04]

A. Purpose. This section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of all citizens residing in and visiting this municipality and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

B. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

IMMEDIATE — The pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

OWNER/KEEPER — Any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.

PERSON — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PET — A domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.

PET SOLID WASTE — Waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

PROPER DISPOSAL — Placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

C. Nuisances prohibited; curbing of dogs; responsibility of owner.

(1) No person, agency or institution owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance upon any public property or private property whatsoever.

(2) Any person in charge of any dog on any public street or sidewalk shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method (shovel, container, disposal bag, etc.).

(3) Any feces removed from the aforementioned areas shall be properly disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog in accordance with the

provisions of this section in a sanitary manner on said person's own property.

- D. Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.
- E. Enforcement. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Police Department and the local Board of Health of Clinton Township or the Board of Health's designees.
- F. Violations and penalty. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100, and a maximum fine of \$1,250, according to § 1-17 entitled "General penalty," of the Code of the Township of Clinton 2003.